

Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
September 27, 2022, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Participants

Al Schmauder, Chambers-Clover Watershed Council
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Jesse Barham, City of Olympia
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Merita Trohimovich, City of Tacoma
Lisa Spurrier, Pierce County/LE Coordinator
Brad Murphy, Thurston County
Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County
Desiree Radice, City of Tacoma
Cindy Callahan, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
Jeanette Dorner, Nisqually Land Trust

Meeting Facilitation

Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Andres Sheikh, Ross Strategic

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Round Robin Updates

- Tacoma Pierce County Health Department will be having a septic workshop that is open to the public about maintenance on Monday, Oct 3rd from 6-7pm.
- Pierce County is hiring a Floodplain and Watershed Services Section Planning Manager
- City of Tacoma is hiring Engineer with experience with NPDS Stormwater compliance
- City of Tacoma turned in second set of comments for EPA stormwater discharge permits
- Desiree Radice taking over Meritas role as being involved with AHSS
- Puget Sound Day on the Sound will take place at the Nisqually Cultural Center on Oct 8 Rep Kilmer and Strickland will be present
- Register for the Annual Salmon Bake at Nisqually Land Trust hosted by Willcox Farms on Oct 2nd
- South Sound Science Symposium will take place Oct 20th at Squaxin Island

II. Project Lists in the LIO Geography

- Currently compiling existing lists of projects from across the LIO and organizing them in one place for awareness building and so we can look for opportunities to work together
- This includes the Lead Entity workplans, the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement project lists, Capital Facilities and Park Plans, Retrofit Plans, Culvert priorities/plans and others. We're interested in your suggestions and ideas for this work.

- Proposing a series of Focus Area workshops in late summer/early fall regarding culverts, nearshore and forests.
- Goal: To create a menu of present and future projects in the LIO Geography
- Why: To help project sponsors and other partners be in a better position to coordinate and collaborate and to receive Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities.
- Help tell a better story about South Sound habitat restoration/acquisition/fish barrier removal projects, by linking various projects/proposals
- Make South Sound more competitive when funding becomes available

Discussion

- LIO Coordinators to follow up with Barbara Ann on South Sound Shellfish Recovery Projects
- Audience recommended various other sources to gather additional projects

III. Website & Mapping Tool Update

- Review of new additions and changes to the ERP Mapping Tool
- Discussion of any necessary updates to the LIO website
- Update on ArcGIS StoryMap on nearshore restoration in the watershed
 - Salish Sea Marine Survival Study - Salmon Restoration, South Sound Nearshore GIS Map highlighting Estuaries, (setting scene)
 - Examples of estuary restoration (Shelton Harbor and Mission Creek)
 - Squaxin Coastal Catchment Analysis & LIO Potential projects
 - Remaining/Pending Nearshore Projects in the LIO Geography
- Full table of mapping updates will be linked in the next round of LIO email updates

Discussion

- Consider double checking whether non intact pocket estuaries are included in the mapping tool
- Add layers for changes in shoreline (historic vs current)
- Make it easier to access the mapping tool on the website
- Consider adding WRIA 13s priority freshwater reaches to the data layer options
- Query tool will be improved and could include suggestions for additional prepopulated queries
- Consider adding information that shows improvements with numbers in the watershed
- Double check if dissolved oxygen layers are included in the layer updates
- Add videos to the story map layers, highlight local narratives and consider PSP production support
- Peirce County willing to share paper map they have developed
- Consider working with PLU/CPTC courses on developing the stories to embed into the story map

IV. Update on the 2022-2025 Coordination Contract (AHSS Executive Committee Decisions)

- Thurston County to remain Fiscal Agent for LIO
- Ross Strategic to remain contractor for LIO coordinator role
- Collective brainstorm activity of Task 5 ideas and work for the next year that aligns with LIO priorities
 - 5.03 – catalyze implementation of high priority public engagement, awareness raising, behavior change, incentive, and/or compliance project and programs identified in the LIO ERP or the Action Agenda
 - 5.07 – Equity and environmental justice
 - 5.05 – Pursue funding for 2022-26 Action Agenda implementation

TASK	FINAL BUDGET ALLOCATION
1 – Facilitate and maintain the LIO	\$30k

2 – Advance 2022- 26 Action Agenda; support 2026-30 AA update	\$30k
3 – Performance management	\$5k
4 – Adaptive management and communication of ERP (the South Sound Strategy)	\$20k
5 – LIO choice tasks	\$40k

Discussion

- Consider DEI Trainings for the LIO
- Consider assisting smaller NGOs with Public Engagement projects
- Consider a LIO Communication Plan
- Consider DEI/EJ situational awareness and identifying disparate health impacts and open area recreational access for communities in the watershed – identify community groups to partner with

VI. DEI Scoping Document

- High level review of document details and proposed next steps for broader DEI community engagement in the LIO geography
- Including potential organizations, methods, and rationale for engagement

Discussion

- Connect with Nisqually Land Trust on the EJ work they are involved with and to review DEI Scoping Document (+ Barbara Ann)
- Connect with Lower Duwamish group to see how they have interacted with frontline communities on EJ issues
- TPC Health Department has a group that works with Pierce County EJ groups to identify additional contacts

VII. Looking Ahead 2023-2025

- AHSS will be presenting a Local Forum to the Leadership Council in Summer of 2023
 - Deschutes Estuary Project Work
 - Shellfish Issues
 - West Oakland Bay
- The next AHSS-LIO meeting are being planned for early 2023
 - Have at least one meeting/ annual gathering in person
 - Make meetings more than quarterly (every other month)

VII. Adjourn